RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sanction has been given for the opening of a Panchayat there.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): What is the delay in opening it?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The nomination of the members of the Panchayat is under correspondence with the Division Peishkar.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): May I know from the member in which year sanction was given to open a Panchayat there?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it was in 1108.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Is not one year sufficient for opening a Panchayat?

PRESIDENT It is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know on whose recommendation the opening of the Panchayat was sanctioned by Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewan Peishkar has been asked to enquire into the question and on his recommendation the Government sanctioned the opening of the Panchayat.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the Ayirur Panchayat has commenced its work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the reason for it?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The nomination of the members of the Panchayat is under correspondence with the Division Peishkar.

Board under the Cinematograph Regulation.

125. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a Board has been constituted under the Cinematograph Regulation for the purpose of certifying films for public exhibition;

(*b*) whether the Board has been functioning now: and

(*c*) whether any films have been censored by the Board?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): In regard to part (*c*), is it open to the Board to disapprove of films approved or certified elsewhere?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think the films certified elsewhere are accepted by the Board. They are not examined here.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was it the intention of Government, when this Board was constituted, that it could function only in respect of new films produced in Travancore?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say what the intention of Government was. But the Board thinks that it is not necessary to re-examine the films which have already been certified in other parts of India. So they generally examine only new films.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): When the personnel of the Board was fixed, what was the standard of qualification adopted by Government for the membership of the Board?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Board was to consist of the Commissioner of Police, the Electrical Engineer, the Inspector of English Schools, a non-official member of the Trivandrum Municipal Council and a non-official member of the Legislature.

Reduction of Railway fare from Trivandrum to Punalur.

126. *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the passenger fare between Trivandrum and Punalur on the South Indian Railway has been recently reduced; and

(*b*) if so, why?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For increasing passenger traffic.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know how long it is since the reduction has been introduced?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): About two months.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether it is not due to competition?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, it is due to competition.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Is it to increase the passenger traffic in competition with the bus traffic?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether, by the reduction in the fare, there will be greater profit to the railway?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the policy of Government is to encourage or to discourage motor traffic?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): On a point of order, may I know whether this question arises?

PRESIDENT: No, it does not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the reduction in the railway fare does not discourage motor traffic?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly